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To play

Enjoy tea and treats during a Mad Hatter Tea Party at 1 p.m. Friday in the Palm Court at Drake Hotel (140 E. Walton Pl.). Tickets are $29. Call 312-932-4619 for reservations and information.

To trick or treat

Put on a costume and celebrate Halloween in July beginning at 11 a.m. Friday at Pippin's Tavern (806 N. Rush St.). There is a costume contest at midnight.

To rock

Catch Tribute-A-Palooza, a lineup of tribute acts for bands such the Foo Fighters and Red Hot Chili Peppers, starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. The event begins at She-nannigans (16 W. Division St.) and continues after 7 p.m. at The Original Mother's (26 W. Division St.). The cover is $2 before 7 p.m. and $5 after.

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President Obama, Sgt. James Crowley (second from right), Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. (second from left) and Vice President Joe Biden chat Thursday over beer. Obama hailed the meeting "a friendly, thoughtful" conversation. GETTY IMAGES

BEER THEM!

'SUMMIT' TO DISCUSS RACE KEPT AWAY FROM MEDIA

Associated Press

With mugs of beer and a few minutes of conversation, President Obama tried to pull himself and the nation beyond an uproar over race, sitting on his big back lawn with the black professor and the white policeman whose dispute had ignited a week of fierce debate.

Obama hailed his meeting with professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. and policeman James Crowley as a "friendly, thoughtful conversation."

Under the canopy of a magnolia tree Thursday evening, Obama joined the other players in a story that had knocked the White House off message: Harvard professor Gates and Cambridge, Mass., police sergeant James Crowley. Vice President Joe Biden also was with them on a Rose Garden patio.

The men were seen chatting with one another, each with a mug of beer. The media were stationed far away, out of earshot.

Although Obama had invited Crowley and Gates as part of what he called a "teachable moment" for the nation, it wasn't quite reachable for the masses.

The coverage allowed the public to get the we've-come-together photos and video footage that the White House wanted, while keeping the discussion private among the men.

Crowley and Gates, in dark suits for the highly anticipated meeting, seemed more formal than Obama and Biden, who had ditched their coats in the early evening. The president nibbled on snacks and was seen laughing at one point.

The media were escorted away after roughly two minutes.

A short time earlier from the Oval Office, Obama had done what his aides had been doing for days: lowering expectations.

"I noticed this has been called the 'Beer Summit.' It's a clever term, but this is not a summit, guys," Obama told reporters.

"This is three folks having a drink at the end of the day and hopefully giving people an opportunity to listen to each other. And that's really all it is. This is not a university seminar."

BEER MADNESS

Who knew a couple of beers at the White House could cause such a row? RedEye takes a look at some of the silliness in the run-up to Thursday's "summit."

Which Bud's for you?

Initially, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs announced President Obama would be drinking Budweiser on Thursday. He later announced to the press pool—on Air Force One—that Obama would be drinking Bud Light. Sgt. James Crowley's pick, Blue Moon, and Henry Louis Gates' pick, Red Stripe, remained unchanged.

Make lemonade

According to the Washington Post, representatives from the religious group Pray at the Pump and Rising Sun Baptist Church of Baltimore planned to picket the White House, asking Obama to serve lemonade instead of beer. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union also suggested lemonade or iced tea to set a good example, according to the Post.

Meanwhile ...

... the membership of the Facebook group "Chug a beer for Obama" is holding steady at 18 members. It was created to celebrate Obama's inauguration back in January.

A meh summer for video games

Associated Press

Kathleen Byrnes and Justin Choi, a married couple attending medical school at Tulane University, say $40 is just too much to fork over for a Nintendo Wii game they might not enjoy. They haven't bought one since last fall, when they picked up "Star Wars: The Force Unleashed."

Since then? "Nothing really interesting came out," said Byrnes, 23.

Their reluctance helps explain why this is a rough summer for the video game business. More people than ever are playing the games, but it's been a while since a blockbuster title arrived. Consumers are watching their money more closely in the recession and managing to resist games that can cost $60.

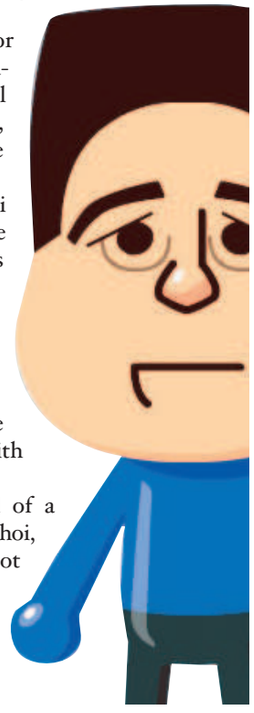
The trends came into focus Thursday as Sony and Nintendo each reported console sales are dropping. Sony posted a loss for the April-June quarter, while Nintendo revealed a large drop in its profit. The Microsoft division that makes the Xbox 360 said last week it lost money in the last quarter too.

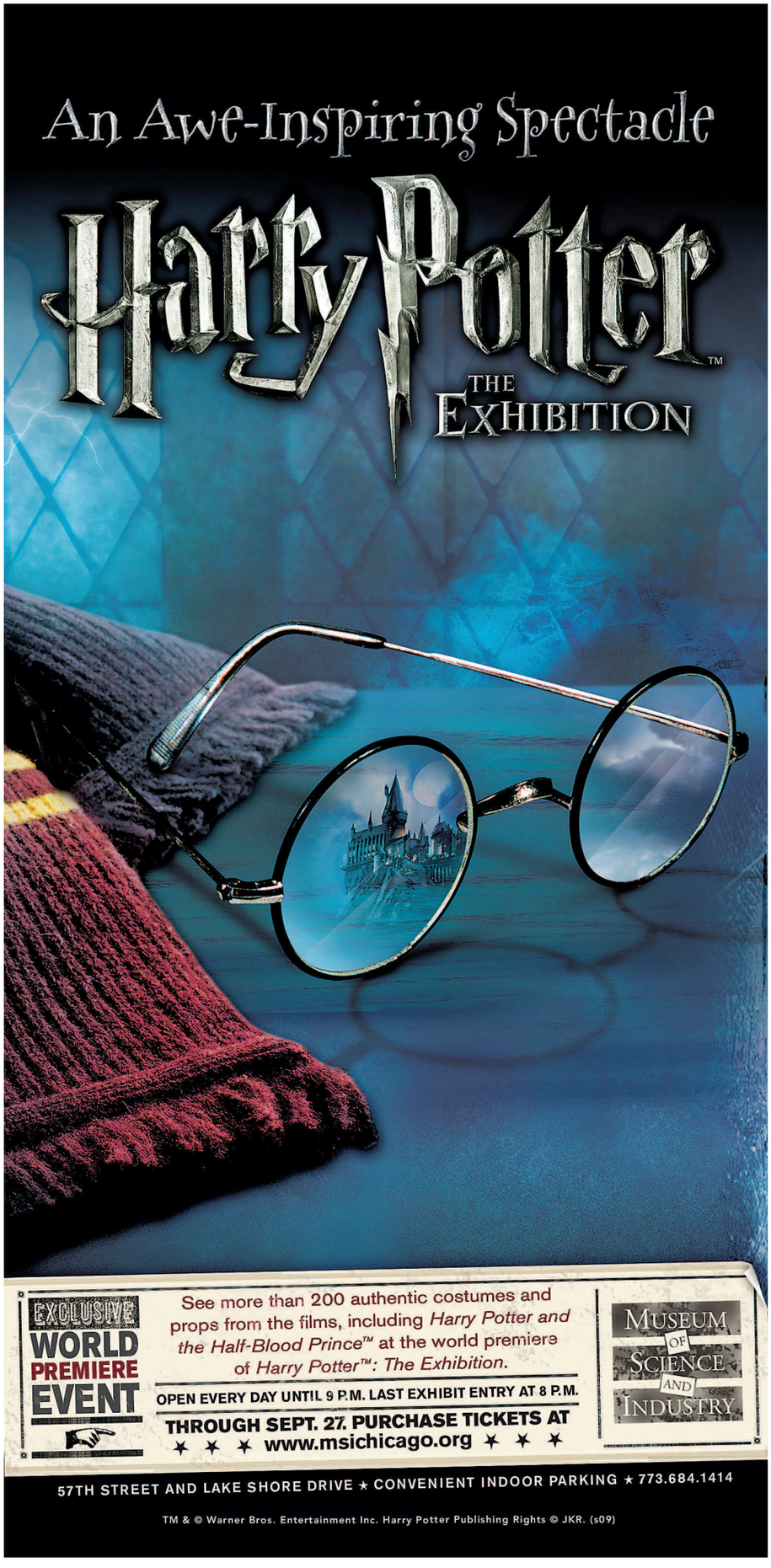
"The health of the industry is terrible," said Wedbush Morgan analyst Michael Pachter.

The good news for gamers is that console prices likely will have to come down, though none have budged yet.

Byrnes and Choi might spring for the $50 "Wii Sports Resort." In general, though, they remain cautious. They own seven games for their Wii, and say they were disappointed with about half of them.

"With that kind of a track record," said Choi, who is 25, "we are not about to take more chances on future titles."





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Scary movies? Please, bring it on!

I need you to scare me.

Seriously.

We're talking watery-eyed, shaky-hands, jumping-when-the-phone-rings scared. I actually want to leave my closet light on when I go to bed for at least a week.

Trust me, this will not be achieved by writing me a "Silence of the Lambs" letter or hiding under my desk at the Tribune Tower.

That's just plain weird.

Instead, point me to a movie that lives up to its promise to petrify.

Maybe I'm missing something, but today's box-office offerings just aren't doing it for me.

They include "Orphan" and "The Collector," the latter of which comes out Friday and is directed by the scribe behind several "Saw" movies.

The film—about a would-be burglar who breaks into a house, only to find someone "worse" already there—hardly sounds capable of introducing a new standard in horror movie villains.

Even the largely defanged terrors known as Freddy Krueger, Jason and Leatherface wouldn't shake in their blood-soaked boots about "The Collector." Statistically speaking, we just don't see many movies that deserve the "horror" in front of their title.

Too harsh?

Recall all the hoopla around "The Grudge" series. Someone explain to me how a yawning ghost-child is effectively eerie.

Even worse is the recent re-imagining of "Black Christmas," starring Michelle Trachtenberg. The original prompted me to attempt to check an attic I didn't even have. Not so much in the case of the 2006 version, which I couldn't even be bothered to finish.

Maybe I'm partly to blame for my fizzling fear factor.

I'm a naturally tough customer, having been raised on chilling classics such as the original "Carrie," "Children of the Corn," "The Omen," and a movie that I rarely revisit, even as an adult: "The Exorcist." It's so unsettling to me, even now, that I can't even discuss it without getting a chill.

(Did you feel that too?)

No such luck at establishing a contemporary classic, though "The Ring" comes creepily close.

But I'm an optimist.

Similar to Fox Mulder, I want to believe I'll find a post-'90s film that'll send an actual shiver down my spine. I'm counting on you to help me out.

Go to my blog at **redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles** and post the names of a film or two that you think will scare me straight. Make sure to include diabolical descriptions.

Next week, I will rent two of the most promising titles. If either successfully scares me, you'll see it in the paper, and on my blog, along with a profuse thank you.

Just promise not to pop out from under my desk to say "you're welcome."

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Welcome home

Isabella Burleson, 1, watches Thursday as her mom, Nadine Burleson, kisses her dad, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Burleson, during a homecoming celebration for National Guardsmen in Company D, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry in Woodstock Square in Woodstock. STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE

Cute boys galore—online

Chicago Tribune

As spring broke, the guys were suddenly everywhere. Smiling behind the Whole Foods cheese counter. Slipping inside the Inner Town Pub.

So Sarah Rodriguez, 24, and Cara Higgins, 25, decided to dedicate a blog to them: **cutechicagoboys.com**. The name pretty much says it all, although "boys" means men generally in their 20s and 30s.

Rodriguez, a graphic and Web designer, and Higgins, who works at the River North restaurant Sunda—patrol the city for prospects, introducing their mission, interviewing the guy briefly and then posting a few photos and a mini-profile of him on their site. (Submissions are welcome too. Candidates must live in Chicago.)

"We liked the term 'cute' because this site is not intended to be one of those 'hot or not' type of concepts," said Higgins, who lives with Rodriguez in Logan Square. "A lot of someone's cuteness is based on personality or style as well. Similarly we chose 'boys' to keep it kind of tongue-in-cheek. 'Goodlookingand wellmanneredchicagomen.com' didn't seem like it could catch on."

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Viewers can inflate—or flatten—egos by rating the guys on the site: "meh," "cute" or a third option that makes it clear that this resource isn't for prudes or for children.

A boy browser function permits visitors to search by intuitive categories such as "straight," "gay" and "available," as well as niche interests, such as "dodgeball" and "Alabama."

The founders aren't engineering hookups. A main goal is to let site visitors know what people are doing and where they're going in the city.

One certified cute boy, Joe Michael Reyes, said the founders scouted him at the Pitchfork Music Festival. "I sent the link to my mom and she e-mailed it to my dad," he said. "They started having a 'See, I told you he got his looks from me!' type of conversation."

The return of Bartman

ESPN wants to get its mitt on that accidental icon of Cubs futility, Steve Bartman.

The network has commissioned a one-hour documentary on Bartman, the Cubs fan whose attempt to catch a foul ball late in Game 6 of the 2003 National League Championship Series turned into a fateful moment before the team lost to the Florida Marlins.

The revisiting of the Bartman incident and the subsequent media and fan frenzy will be part of ESPN's "30 for 30" series. Alex Gibney, writer-director of the Oscar-nominated "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room" and the Academy Award-winning "Taxi to the Dark Side," will direct.

ESPN indicated the documentary is likely to be empathetic, noting that Gibney will attempt to answer the question: Can Bartman ever forgive Chicago?

Steve Bartman
TRIBUNE FILE

As another piece in the "30 for 30" documentary series, Ron Shelton ("Bull Durham") is examining basketball great Michael Jordan's baseball sabbatical.

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Chicks in the city

Shawnecee Schneider and her six roommates care for 11 hens behind their West Humboldt Park co-op house. TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

Victor Michael spent three months building a chicken coop behind his Naperville home, an unlikely spot for animals more often found on farms than in subdivisions.

"I like to think of it as an economical and ecological minor contribution," he said. "I'm basically doing it for eggs. ... I enjoy being able to say this comes from my backyard. I know where it was and where it's going," he said.

He joins others in the city and surrounding areas in exploring backyard chicken coops for a variety of reasons, including environmental. It costs more to raise chickens than to buy eggs at a store, but there is satisfaction in knowing your food is chemical-free, say those who do it. Others simply raise chickens as a hobby, or form bonds with them as pets.

Traci Torres operates **mypetchicken.com**, which offers chicks and supplies for chickens and backyard coops. She wouldn't share exact figures for her Norwalk, Conn., company, but she said sales have doubled year over year.

These bits of barnyard are not without challenges—legal as well as noise and smell. Chickens sometimes cackle when they lay eggs, but even at maximum production, a hen will lay only one egg a day. The smell can be curbed with regular cleaning, said Shawnecee Schneider, who along with her six roommates cares for 11 hens in their West Humboldt Park co-op house.

Laws on raising chickens vary. In Chicago, slaughtering chickens and keeping roosters is illegal, but backyard chicken coops are allowed, the mayor's office said. Schneider said her landlord and neighbors don't seem to mind her hens, and she often shares eggs with them. She had been a strict vegan until she tried her first egg from her own Chicago coop three years ago.

"I've been hooked ever since," said Schneider, a main grower at Green Youth Farm in North Lawndale. "Chickens are easier than keeping a dog. You don't get the companionship with chickens, but they're cool."

Seafood store shut down

Mayor Daley's Dumpster Task Force on Thursday closed Hong King Seafood City, 2120 S. Archer Ave., due to mice infestation. Task Force investigators visited the store today to follow up on a complaint in the general area. Inspectors found more than 160 mice droppings, according to a news release from the Department of Streets and Sanitation. On Tuesday, the Dumpster Task Force closed Mayflower Foods, 2104 S. Archer Ave.

Change of venue sought

Drew Peterson's attorneys filed a motion Thursday seeking a change of venue for their client. Defense attorney Joel Brodsky earlier had signaled his intention of doing either that or asking that jurors be selected from another county, arguing that widespread publicity would make it difficult for the former Bolingbrook police sergeant to get a fair trial. Prosecutors believe an impartial jury can be selected from Will County, a spokesman said.

Man charged in baby's death

An estranged husband was charged Thursday with first-degree murder for allegedly kicking his wife atop a third-floor porch during a fight, causing her to lose hold of her newborn son, who then fell over a railing to his death, authorities said. Jason Range, 20, was arrested Wednesday by Chicago police at an office as he was picking up a certificate for taking an anger-management class, several law-enforcement sources said.

City paints a gloomy picture of the budget

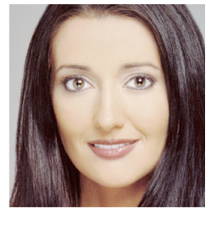
Mayor Daley's administration Thursday predicted a gaping hole in next year's budget that will eclipse the current financial problems—even after the city exhausts its brand-new $320 million rainy day fund.

The anticipated $6.2 billion budget for next year could be more than half a billion dollars in the red because of plummeting tax collections and rising wages that account for more than 80 percent of the city's day-to-day spending, said Chief Financial Officer Gene Saffold. He announced the gloomy prediction as Daley aides began briefing aldermen in anticipation of public hearings next month.

Although higher taxes are "a last resort ... nothing is ruled out at this point," Saffold said. "The mayor has instructed us not to look at property taxes as we move forward in 2010."

Daley has laid off city workers and pressured unions to take unpaid days off to save money this year, and both aldermen and outside budget experts predicted that personnel cuts were likely next year. The biggest chunk of increased spending next year will come from $117 million in higher wages, benefits and pension fund payments to city workers, Saffold said.

Davlantes out at NBC



Davlantes

TV newscaster Anna Davlantes has left NBC. Her abrupt, immediate exit was announced to staff in a two-sentence memo Thursday morning from Frank Whittaker, Channel 5's station manager and vice president for news. The station had been trying to renew her contract.

"We appreciate Anna's contributions over the last nine years, and wish her the best in the future," Whittaker wrote.

Davlantes is just the latest anchor to leave the station in recent weeks.

Bob Sirott, long expected to take over Warner Saunders' 10 p.m. weeknight anchor chair, instead left Channel 5 last month, three weeks after Saunders' retirement.

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Rock star robbers?

Band of international jewel thieves branded heroes in native Serbia

Los Angeles Times

BELGRADE, Serbia So let's get this straight. A guy in the raspberry business from western Serbia smashes and grabs his way through a heist eight time zones away in Tokyo and scoots off with a $31 million necklace known as the Countess of Vendome.

It happens.

Djordjije Rasovic, a thief with brazen nerves, is part of an international Balkan crime gang known as the Pink Panthers. He and one of his accomplices, Snowy, brought a bit of high jinks to a land haunted by war criminals and atrocities.

The Panthers, a collection of 150 to 200 Balkan bad guys and a few women, have stolen about $140 million in jewelry and watches over the last decade from 100 luxury shops around the world, including boutiques in Paris, London, Monaco and Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

DOUBLE LIVES

Most of the Pink Panthers are Serbs, and the majority of them come from the city of Nis. The Panthers lead hidden lives—working in hospitals, bars and restaurants, they're summoned by messages to join comrades and hatch robberies on streets glowing with designer names.

They're untailored and uncoiffed, preferring leather jackets and ball caps to cashmere and cufflinks, a kind of "Ocean's 11" minus the panache. But they're disciplined and fluent in many languages, and they strike with precision.

Their heists usually clock in at 90 seconds, and when one of them is arrested, like, say, Rasovic, another takes his place in an organization.

"They've become more than pure criminals, they're heroes," said Dragan Ilic, a morning radio talk show host in Belgrade, the Serbian capital. "They're violent, but they haven't killed anyone. It's as if they're saying, 'We can beat the technologically superior West with our raw power and intelligence.' They're feeding the Western myth of the dark, tribal Balkans—these criminals coming from those wars and woods."

According to police, Rasovic, the raspberry guy, ended up in the Ginza shopping district of Tokyo in 2004 with a forged passport and big ambitions.

Police say Rasovic, Snowy (real name: Snezana Panajotovic) and Alexander Radulovic had cased the Le Supre-Diamant Couture de Maki store, pretending to be buyers. On the day of the robbery, police say, Snowy waited outside while Rasovic and Radulovic entered the store. One of the robbers distracted a shop assistant; the other sprayed a second salesperson with pepper spray. Glass cases were smashed with a bar and the thieves disappeared with jewels, including the Countess of Vendome necklace, which is studded with 115 diamonds and has a 125-carat oval center.

Rasovic was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in 2005 for the heist, but he, Snowy and Radulovic have won an appeal for a new trial. Snowy said she knew nothing of the crime and Rasovic testified that he was paid $100,000 to stage a robbery and "the Japanese are the real thieves," said a Serbian law enforcement official who asked not to be named. Rasovic's defense suggested the robbery was an inside job arranged to collect insurance money.

Some suggest the Panthers work for the Italian or Russian mafias. The Serbian official believes the Pink Panthers may be controlled by larger forces: "These criminals are from small provincial towns in Serbia. You need big money for these kinds of crimes, and they aim for the most expensive jewels on the planet. In my opinion, they're pawns and stool pigeons."

The Countess of Vendome has not been found.

"This is extraordinarily shocking if not illegal conduct."

—Edward W. Gray Jr., an attorney representing the plaintiffs suing the Chicago-based sorority

Barbara McKinzie, international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, stands between wax figures of herself (right) and the late Nellie Quander (left), the sorority's first international president, at a sorority function in Upper Marlboro, Md. in June. AP FILE

Wax figure at center of sorority squabble

Associated Press

Members of the country's oldest black sorority are suing to remove their president, alleging that she spent hundreds of thousands of dollars of the group's money on herself—some of it to pay for a wax statue in her own likeness.

In the suit filed in Washington, D.C., the Alpha Kappa Alpha members also alleged that International President Barbara McKinzie bought designer clothing, jewelry and lingerie with the sorority credit card. She then redeemed points the purchases earned on the card to buy a big-screen TV and gym equipment, the lawsuit said.

"This is extraordinarily shocking if not illegal conduct," Edward W. Gray Jr., an attorney representing the plaintiffs suing the Chicago-based sorority, said Wednesday.

McKinzie denied what she called the lawsuit's "malicious allegations," saying they were "based on mischaracterizations and fabrications ... not befitting our ideals of sisterhood, ethics and service," according to a statement issued this week by the sorority.

The suit demands McKinzie be fired and return money to the sorority.

In the sorority statement, McKinzie took particular offense to the accusation that she commissioned a life-sized wax figure of herself that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. She said the sorority's board approved the money to "help defray overall expenses for our 2010 convention."

She said a total of $45,000 was spent on a wax figure of her and the sorority's first international president, the late Nellie Quander. McKinzie also said the expenses were "consistent with furthering AKA's mission" and did not violate any of the group's bylaws.

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Crash victims mourned

1 Hundreds of mourners streamed into a Long Island church Thursday to remember five family members killed in a wrong-way crash on a suburban New York parkway. Five hearses carrying white coffins provided the final journey for Diane Schuler, 36; her daughter, Erin, 2; and nieces Emma Hance, 8, Alyson, 7, and Kate, 5.

Detainee ordered released

2 A judge has ruled that a detainee who has been at Guantanamo Bay since he was a juvenile is being held illegally and must be released. U.S. District Judge Ellen Huvelle's order Thursday does not end the case of Mohammed Jawad, however. Government attorneys told the judge they also are pursuing a criminal investigation.

Spain beset by bombings

3 A powerful bomb on the Spanish resort island of Mallorca killed two police officers in their patrol vehicle Thursday, the second attack blamed on Basque separatist group ETA in two days. Police found a second bomb under another police jeep later Thursday in the same area.

Boxer's death ruled suicide

4 Brazilian police say the death of boxer Arturo Gatti was a suicide and a court has ordered the release of his wife. She was once suspected of killing him. Gatti was discovered this month in a seaside resort in northeastern Brazil.

Iran protesters, police clash

5 Iranian police fired tear gas and beat anti-government protesters with batons to disperse thousands at a graveside memorial Thursday for victims of post-election violence, witnesses and state TV said.

Big bank bonuses

6 Citigroup, one of the biggest recipients of government bailout money, gave employees $5.33 billion in bonuses for 2008, New York's attorney general said Thursday in a report detailing the payouts by nine big banks.

Jackson's mom granted custody

Katherine Jackson will raise her son's children under an agreement with the King of Pop's ex-wife, who will have visitation rights under the supervision of a child psychologist, attorneys said Thursday.

The agreement calls for Jackson's mother to remain guardian of the pop icon's three children, who range in ages from 7 to 12, in accordance with wishes spelled out in the singer's 2002 will.

No money is changing hands as a result of the agreement, the statement said.

Deborah Rowe, the biological mother of the two oldest children who has been largely absent from their lives, gets visitation rights with the youngsters. A child psychologist, paid for jointly by Jackson and Rowe, will oversee the process, attorneys for Katherine Jackson and Rowe said in a joint statement.

Attorneys had worked for weeks to reach an amicable arrangement. The agreement announced Thursday ends the likelihood of a contentious and public custody fight over Jackson's children.

Eric M. George, an attorney for Rowe, called the agreement a "dignified outcome." George credited Katherine Jackson's attorneys for their work on the deal, and expressed pride with Rowe for "her integrity and selflessness."

NEXT UP: THE ESTATE

Deborah Rowe never petitioned for custody of Michael Jackson's children. The custody agreement is likely to be discussed during a hearing Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court. That hearing will now focus more on lingering issues with Jackson's multimillion-dollar estate, which Katherine Jackson has vied for control of.

7 A Dutch East India Company replica of the Prince Willem vessel burns Thursday in the historical museum harbor in Den Helder, Netherlands. The replica was built in 1985. The blaze was reportedly due to an electrical incident in the ship's foyer. GETTY IMAGES

Know your Potter trivia? Pop quiz!

Put on your guessing hats: It's time to play "University Researcher or Character From the Harry Potter Books?"

Ready?

Boris Worm.

(Think it over. We'll wait.)

If you guessed "University Researcher," you're right! Worm, of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is the lead author of a new study that says the stock of seafood in the world's oceans may be making a comeback. Two years ago, Worm authored a study that warned that overfishing could cause a collapse in the world's seafood stocks by 2048.

Not all the news in the update was good. Study co-author Ray Hilborn (also not a Harry Potter character) noted that 63 percent of fish stocks remain below desired levels. It takes time to rebuild after steps are taken to reduce the catch.

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AS CUTLER AND CO. START TRAINING, SO DO CHICAGO'S DIE-HARD FANS

By Ryan Smith
FOR REDEYE

Jay Cutler jersey. Check.

Tickets for first preseason game. Check.

Bears pimp costume. Check.

Wait, what?

Yes, when Army Reservist Lorenzo Amaro isn't busy defending the country, he's hard at work assembling a Chicago Bears pimp costume for Halloween.

Amaro, 31, of Pilsen, is trying to top his Mike Ditka get-up from last year. His new idea: an orange-and-navy-blue pimp outfit complete with oversized sunglasses, fishbowl shoes from the '80s comedy "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka," a velvet hat adorned with a feather and a customized No. 69 game jersey. For an extra flourish aimed at cheesehead-wearing Green Bay fans, Amaro will be accompanied by a blow-up doll wearing a Packers jersey that reads "Cheap Trick."

"I don't halfway this stuff—when I make these costumes, I go all out and make sure they look really good," he said.

It might be baseball season in the minds of many Chicagoans—and a long way until Halloween—but as training camp begins Friday for the Bears, die-hard fans are going through a training camp of their own.

Take Dan Konsoer. He is busy getting out of his job just as the Bears go back to their day jobs.

The 24-year-old Web designer from the Near South Side plans to take Friday off to make the hourlong drive to Bourbonnais for training camp. During the four weeks of camp, Konsoer will put hundreds of miles on his car in order to catch as many practices and scrimmages as possible.

"It's worth it to me to do all the driving and sitting in traffic," he said. "I try to get my family or friends to go with me, but if nothing else, I go by myself."

This also is the time of year Konsoer scours the Internet for Bears news and prime seats for games at Soldier Field.

"When they first go on sale, I call and I call and I call," Konsoer said. "If that doesn't work, I go on StubHub."

Amaro also is filling his schedule with as many Bears-related activities as possible before he ships out to the Middle East in December. In addition to costume-making, he's maintaining his Chicago Bear Den fan site on MySpace and planning to attend a day of camp with his 11-year-old son.

To top off Amaro's busy Bears schedule, he and fellow die-hards are planning to meet and tailgate for every home and away game this season—even preseason games.

"Some people say, 'I don't see the point of hanging outside of the stadium,' but if you're a Bear fan, it's like Disneyland," Amaro said. "It's like an All-Star game. You got the top fans in the world all in the same place, and we're all like big kids in a candy store with unlimited flavors."

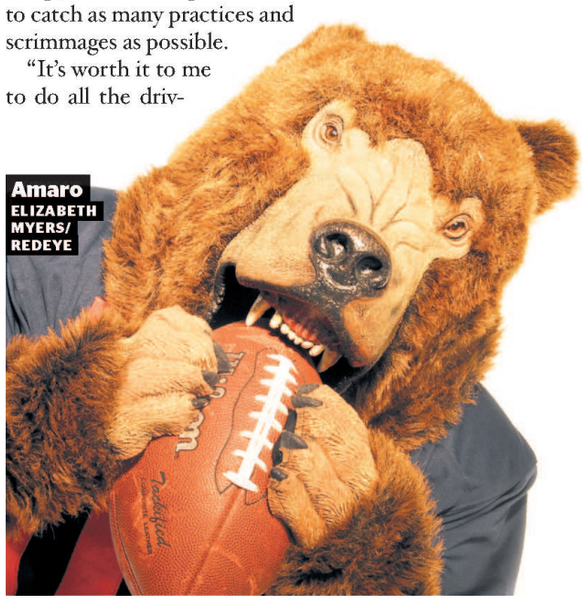
Angela Garcia, a FedEx package handler, already has planned an epic 13-hour, 537-mile journey to Buffalo for the Bears' first preseason game on Aug. 15—and she doesn't even have a ticket. The Brighton Park resident, 29, will be traveling on Da Bus—a school bus-turned-tailgate party vehicle that resembles a Bears version of the Madden Cruiser.

She isn't there, however, to witness Cutler's first snap as a Bear. She and a dozen Da Bus regulars will battle a team of Buffalo tailgaters at Ralph Wilson Stadium in a match of who can whip up the ultimate tailgating food.

For Konsoer, the price of fandom is, well, immeasurable.

He doesn't care how much those Bears tickets he finds online cost and has spent hundreds of dollars for them in the past.

"My [family and friends] sometimes think my Bears obsession is a little over-the-top, but it's the Bears! It's Soldier Field! It's amazing, I love it all." **RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



Amaro ELIZABETH MYERS/ REDEYE

Cutler laughs off controversy

Bears quarterback Jay Cutler arrived at training camp Thursday in a souped-up Audi decked with black rims. After a brief stop to check in, Cutler addressed the controversy related to comments allegedly made by teammate Brian Urlacher.

Ex-Bear Bobby Wade told a Minneapolis radio station Urlacher recently insulted Cutler. Urlacher denied making the comments.

"Brian, he's the first one I heard it from," Cutler said. "... You know we laughed about it. It came from Minnesota and the Vikings up there, so I didn't put any stock into it." **TRIBUNE**

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Time to go camping

Are you ready for Bears camp?

It's not a spur-of-the-moment thing; these things take preparation.

If you're like me, with nothing better to do, you'll want to take a week to adequately prepare.

Jay Cutler is surrounded by the media Thursday after arriving in Bourbonnais as the team gets ready to start training camp.
PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

Staley Da Bear lets the fur fly

Staley GETTY IMAGES FILE

By Ryan Smith
FOR REDEYE

Jay Cutler and Co. aren't the only Bears coming out of hibernation after a long off-season.

Staley Da Bear, the team's fierce and fuzzy mascot, is preparing for a season of crazy antics and funny pratfalls. RedEye caught up with Staley to get a sneak peek at his plans.

The Bears are at training camp to prepare for their season. How are you preparing for your season?
I've been hard at work building new props and wacky costumes—typical mascot business. I've also been developing a new incentive-based reading program and school assembly called "Tackle Reading." It's set to launch this fall. Oh yeah, I've also cut back on my daily cheesehead intake.

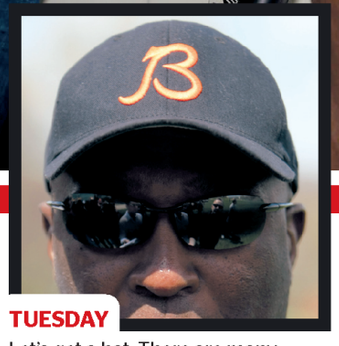
Many people think being a mascot is all fun and games; do you put in a lot of grueling, physical workouts before the season?
Absolutely! Living by my "Four Downs" of health: eating healthy foods, drinking water, getting proper rest and staying physically active all play a huge role every day. I try to do a lot of cardio and high-rep/low-weight workouts during training camp in addition to stretching. Yoga can do wonders for a bear. I have to be prepared to sweat off about 6 pounds per game, and I generally drop about 15 pounds overall during camp.

Do you have any new pranks you might pull this season?
I have a few tricks up my sleeve/furry arm. I don't want to reveal too much, but is anyone familiar with the comedian Gallagher? I certainly am. Also, "What you gonna do when Staley-mania runs wild on you, brother?" Take that for what you will.

Have you enjoyed the bear-friendly cool weather this summer?
Definitely! The best part is that I've hardly shed at all. I've only clogged my vacuum with fur balls once all summer!

MONDAY

Let's buy a jersey. Since this is the first year of our collective existence that we have an awesome quarterback, we'll get the Jay Cutler jersey. He wears No. 6, so if you have an old Kevin Butler jersey, don't even think about scraping off the B and putting a C on it. We're starting over, people.



TUESDAY

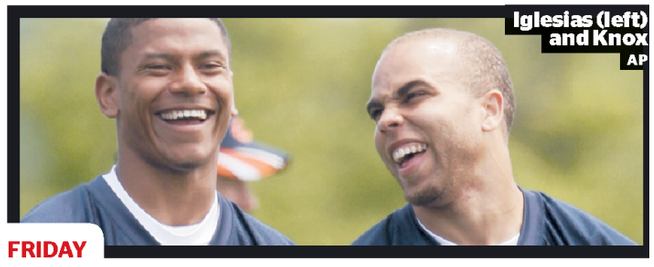
Let's get a hat. There are many options here, almost all of them crap. You're allowed either the Bears "Tradition B" cap (think Halas) or the coaches flex hat. Don't even think about those funky draft-day hats. This is the NFL's charter franchise. Let's dress accordingly.

WEDNESDAY

Spend this day getting acquainted with the new additions to the team. Check the Web site for the roster, but this also will require heading to the bookstore for good, old-fashioned homework. That means both Street and Smith's and Athlon's NFL preview editions. No whining.

THURSDAY

Pack a wardrobe. This is Middle America, we're all dorks, so go with the denim pants and awful white tube socks. I have to say, in Bourbonnais, no one will notice. Note: None of those circus Zubaz pants are allowed. You're no John Daly, so forget it.



Iglesias (left) and Knox AP

FRIDAY

Leave early, by 7 a.m. or so. Get down to campus and find yourself a cheap motel. If you're looking for love, you won't find it. Camp is here. That means business. Pleasure will have to wait until the season starts.

Catch the morning session. Players to watch include receivers Johnny Knox and Juaquin Iglesias (can he sing?).

Cutler wears 6; don't miss him. Check for age on the defensive line. I'm looking for that Gilbert dude—the one who jumped out of the pool.

As for the rest, we'll figure it out as we go ... but my favorite activity is this: picking out the backup QB and immediately starting a "he should start" campaign. Happens every year ...

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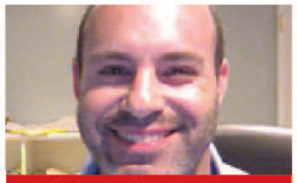
Bear season

Training camp is here for the Bears. If only our panelists had trained for this gig.



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1 What are you doing to "train" yourself for Bears season?	I'm running laps around my remote control.	Choo-choosing not to get my hopes up this year. Not going to Ralph with excitement.	Drinking lots of beer on my couch. And cheering for the QB—that'll take serious training.	I've been lifting with Brian Pfeiffer and a plateful of "perky" bosoms.	Vocal lessons. There'll be lots of roaring my approval this season, I believe.
2 How do you imagine the Bears spend their downtime in Bourbonnais?	Lots and lots of tickling.	Taking a page from the Jimmy playbook and transforming it into Hookernais.	What happens in Bourbonnais stays in Bourbonnais.	Shaking, curled up on the floor with guns cocked to their heads.	Stalking Lions, Vikings and Packers.
3 Which Bears player has something to prove in training camp?	Jay Cutler. Everyone else is collectively white noise.	A fairy-tale season depends on Gouldilocks and the three Bears: Cutler, Urlacher, Hester.	Jay Cutler has to prove he can take the heckling—both from fans and Urlacher.	Cutler and the Theory of Relativity. Relative to Orton and Grossman, he's good, and so am I.	Hester. He needs to be the stud receiver to make the Cutler experiment pay off.
4 How will the Cubs be different when they return from their 10-game road trip?	It depends if they visit that Swedish doctor That Girl used before he became That Guy.	They will face some cheating allegations. But it will be the fans who get cheated, again.	It could go one of two ways: They could be winners or losers. It's 50/50.	They'll get back to their business of losing.	They'll be firmly in control of first place, just like their parents, the Bears.
5 Which division is worse: the AL Central or NL Central?	I think I've answered this question the last nine years.	NL Central. Its teams are known for their Rush on Division titles.	Oh, man, that's like asking who's funnier—Tracy or That Guy.	AL Central. If Detroit is on top, someone's getting screwed.	Neither will be as bad as the NFC North after the Bears tear those teams a new one.

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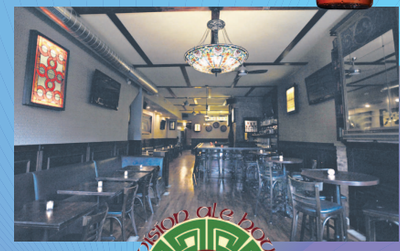

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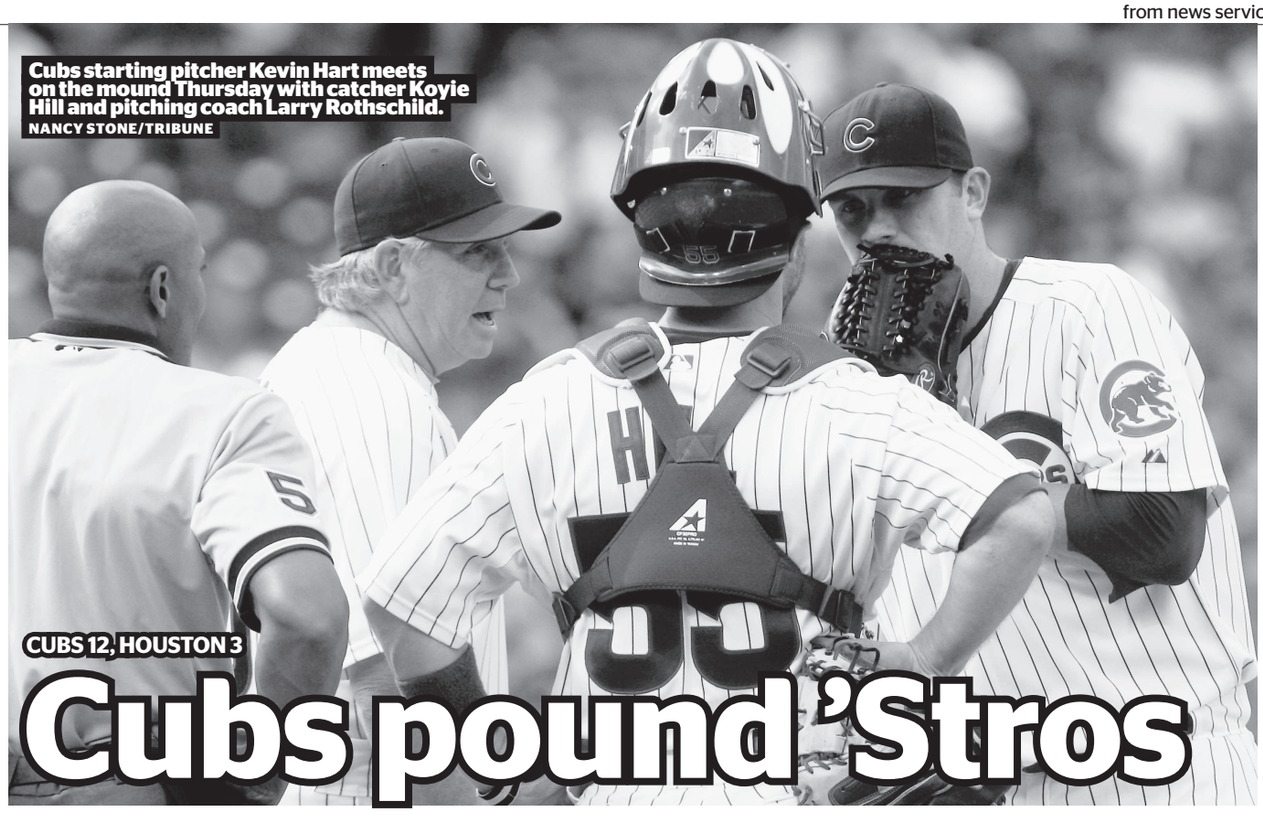
Ozzie: No more trades

Tuesday's acquisition of Mark Kotsay might be the only move the White Sox make prior to Friday's 3 p.m. non-waiver trading deadline.

"I don't expect anything," manager Ozzie Guillen said before Thursday night's game. "I don't."

Guillen found some amusement in the apparent lack of activity and his faith in his current roster.

"I told the guys [Wednesday], joking around in the dugout, 'Don't worry, guys, it's not your fault. It's my fault for telling [General Manager] Kenny Williams I can win with this ballclub.' "



Cubs starting pitcher Kevin Hart meets on the mound Thursday with catcher Koyie Hill and pitching coach Larry Rothschild.
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CUBS 12, HOUSTON 3

Cubs pound 'Stros

It was a tough day to be a starting pitcher at Wrigley Field.

After a 12-3 Cubs victory, Houston released its starter, Russ Ortiz, and the Cubs traded theirs, Kevin Hart.

"Bittersweet," Cubs catcher Koyie Hill said of the win and the ensuing loss of a teammate.

Hart won his third straight game as the Cubs improved to 11-3 since the All-Star break and his second on this 6-1 homestand, including Thursday's rain-forced makeup.

The one-two hitters, Kosuke Fukudome and Ryan Theriot, had four RBIs apiece.

With Reed Johnson injured, Fukudome could even find himself batting leadoff against left-handers.

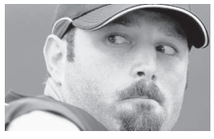
"He really has been on his game, making nice contact ... and getting on base, which is what a leadoff hitter is supposed to do," manager Lou Piniella said.

For the homestand against Cincinnati and Houston, the Cubs lineup batted .310 and averaged 7.6 runs.

"Good homestand," Piniella said. "It's a good way to embark on a tough little road trip."

MEET THE NEW CUBS

The Cubs' starter Thursday, Kevin Hart, won the game but was shipped to Pittsburgh along with Jose Ascanio and Class A infielder Josh Harrison in return for reliever John Grabow and minor-league starter Tom Gorzelanny. Let's meet the new guys.



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Left-hander
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» ESPN reporter Erin Andrews, surreptitiously videotaped nude in a hotel room, expressed frustration in an audiotape at being "treated like Britney Spears" when she called 911 to report paparazzi gathered outside her Atlanta-area home.

» David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez were among the more than 100 Major League Baseball players who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003, according to a report in The New York Times.

» Michael Vick said Thursday that he is getting close to signing with a professional football team but refused to elaborate.

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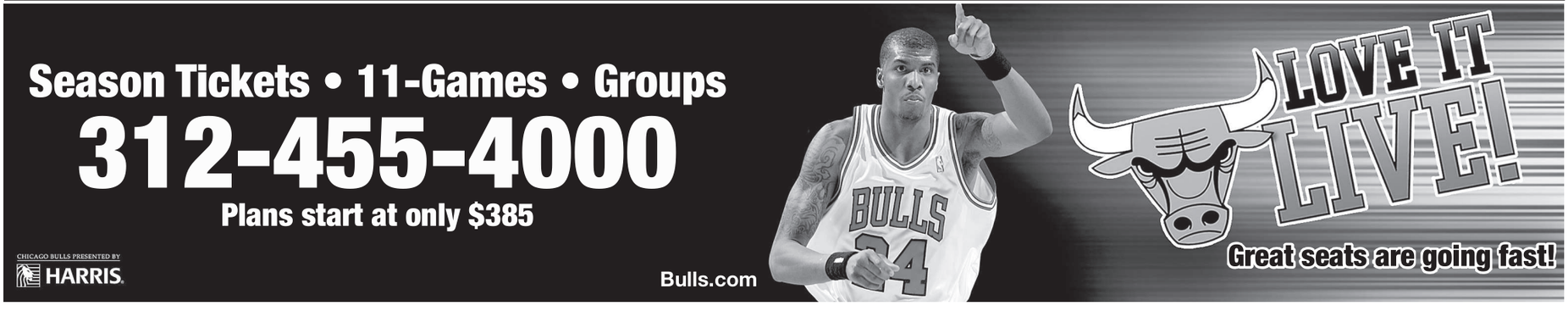
Here we go again. Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz were on the 2003 steroids list. Just release the whole thing already. Baseball can't take hit after hit after hit much longer. No, they need homer after homer after homer. Here now, my TV picks.

MLB
Cubs at Florida
6:10 p.m. CSN
It's a good thing the Cubs are on a roll, because Florida usually gives them problems.

MLB
White Sox vs. N.Y. Yankees
7:11 p.m. WGN
Can we get Mark Buehrle to pitch every game on the South Side?



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August's Top 25

The best concerts in a sizzling music month

By Matt Pais

Is it August already? And almost time for Lollapalooza? Sheesh, time flies.

Well, even though this hasn't exactly been the best summer weather-wise, the concert wave rolls on, rain or shine. With that, we give you the 25 best shows in a busy month of music. (Get full event details at **metromix.com**.)

Baby Teeth
Aug. 1 at Schubas
Locals' new, uber-catchy "Hustle Beach" is, indeed, perfect for the beach, or just a gathering where there's more emphasis on the party than on who's there.

Milk at Midnight
Aug. 1 at Martyrs'
Chicago band's "Less Love More Acid" offers bad advice but plenty of plaintive, impressive indie-rock tunes.

Yourself and the Air
Aug. 1 at Subterranean
More quality local indie rock, as this promising outfit returns from a few weeks on tour.

Mos Def
Aug. 2 at House of Blues
It only took him a decade, but with "The Ecstatic," the rapper has finally released a worthy follow-up to "Black on Both Sides." Finally!

Tori Amos
Aug. 3 at Chicago Theatre
On the new "Abnormally Attracted to Sin," the singer-pianist continues to make drama sexy and love dangerous.

Lollapalooza
Aug. 7-9 at Grant Park
The annual three-day bash returns. Top priorities: Tool, Arctic Monkeys, Fleet Foxes, Gaslight Anthem, Ida Maria, Hockey.

TV on the Radio
Aug. 7 at Double Door
Before they take the Lolla stage on Saturday, these brilliant Brooklyn rockers pack their restless grooves into a smaller space.

Milk at Midnight

Arctic Monkeys
Aug. 7 at Metro
These terrific Brits' youth doesn't stop them from writing albums packed with memorable hooks and biting lyrics.

Joe Pug
Aug. 8 at Hideout
A few hours after his Lolla debut, this Chicago-based singer-songwriter showcases stripped-down folk tunes that call to mind talents no smaller than Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan.

Jason Mraz
Aug. 13 at Northerly Island's Charter One Pavilion
The talented live performer continues to support his best studio songs yet, from "We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things."

Blane Fonda
Aug. 13 at Schubas
Comprising 80 percent of the Sapiens, this new, far more danceable band is even more fun. Don't think of sitting down.

AC/DC
Aug. 14 at United Center
Rock legends unfurl a career's worth of iconic riffs and glorious wails, all wrapped up in timeless, stadium-shaking hits.

TV on the Radio
GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Duke and the King
Aug. 14 at Schubas
Gorgeous folk from one of the Felice Brothers and Robert "Chicken" Burke.

Angel Taylor
Aug. 14 at SPACE
This soul-pop singer may not be super-original, but she's got a voice you'll fall for.

I Fight Dragons
Aug. 15 at Martyrs'
2009 Rock 'n' Vote winners keep climbing the local scene. Their live, Nintendo-accentuated show is like nothing you've seen before.

Emily Wells
Aug. 17 at Millennium Park, Aug. 22 at Schubas
You haven't heard Notorious B.I.G.'s "Juicy" until you've heard this experimental folk singer's version.

Brendan Benson
Aug. 20 at Schubas
The Raconteurs singer who isn't Jack White goes back to solo work. His new "My Old, Familiar Friend," due Aug. 18, again proves he doesn't need anyone's help to write a great pop record.

Max Tundra
Aug. 20 at Empty Bottle
British producer Ben Jacobs turns old-school synthesizers, a collection of blips and funk flourishes into feet-moving inspiration.

Pearl Jam
Aug. 23-24 at United Center
Evanston native Eddie Vedder and Co. offer a preview of songs from new "Backspacer," out Sept. 20. And, you know, tons of other killer rockers too.

Red Red Meat
Aug. 24 at Jay Pritzker Pavilion
By all appearances, these influential Chicago vets seem to be back for good. Nice.

De La Soul
Aug. 26 at House of Blues
Hip-hop simply wouldn't be the same without them.

Elvis Costello and the Sugarcanes
Aug. 26 at Ravinia
Veteran pop master indulges his folkier side in a venue that encourages music that floats along with the breeze.

Wheat
Aug. 29 at Schubas
Catchy and eccentric pop-rockers play from new "White Ink, Black Ink."

Carrie Underwood
Aug. 30-31 at Ravinia
She's one of the classiest and most successful "American Idol" winners, and ultimately one of the most irresistible. Well, if you're open to country.

Steely Dan
Aug. 31, Sept. 1 at Chicago Theatre
A guy named Walter and a guy named Donald who stand as classic rock legends.

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Raise a glass and shake a leg at the newest addition to Logan Square's nightlife scene. Friday features bands the Possum Hollow Boys and the Sanctified Grumblers (8:30 p.m.); festivities continue Saturday (7:30 p.m.). No cover.

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Various neighborhoods
Cycle an 8-mile stretch of boulevards, closed to motorized vehicles, joining Logan Square, Humboldt Park, Garfield Park, North Lawndale and Little Village. Join in anywhere along the route. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 312-427-3325. Route: **activetrans.org**

Flavorful in/Fusions
Cody's Public House, 1658 W. Barry Ave.
New works by local dance company NoMi LaMad inspire this benefit grill-off between chefs Calvin Roberson, John McLean, Leslie Morris and a "mystery" toque. Includes food and cocktails. 5 p.m. $40. Tickets: **brownpapertickets.com**

The Great Urban Race
Start: Cubby Bear Wrigleyville, 1059 W. Addison St.
Teams of two solve 12 clues by tackling physical challenges, puzzles and more across the city. Proceeds benefit Starlight Children's Foundation. Noon. $60-$70 per person. Registration: on site at 11 a.m.; online by 5 p.m. Friday: **greaturbanrace.com**

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Dog Day on the Green
Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive. 312-747-1285.
Spend quality time with your pooch—and everyone else's—at this inaugural canine celebration. Activities include fashion shows, agility courses, vendors, dog yoga and mini-seminars. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FESTIVALS!
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The Red Canary
5 p.m.: Opening Party. $5 Stoli and Patron cocktails. No cover; 695 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-846-1475.

Pippin's Tavern
11 a.m.: Hell or the Hyatt Halloween in July. An early Halloween party features $3 Miller High Life bottles, a decorated bar and trick-or-treating all day. At midnight, enter a costume contest for the chance to win a trip to Hell, Mich., or overnight accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. No cover; 806 N. Rush St. 312-787-5435.

FRIDAY DEALS

BERLIN
10 p.m.: The Pre-After Party Show. Comedy troupe the Sarcastic Squad and guests perform interactive, multimedia stand-up, sketch comedy and musical improv on two stages. DJ Greg Haus spins alternative and electronica after the show. $5; 954 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975.

CELTIC CROWN
Free wings with beverage purchase (3-6 p.m.), bingo 5-9 p.m., $3.50 312 drafts and Heineken bottles, $4 energy cocktails, $7.99 battered fish and chips; 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

THE COPA
$3 beers, $5 bombs; 1637 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-642-3449.

THE CROSSROADS
$4 Harpoon IPA, Dogfish Head and Bell's Two Hearted drafts; 1120 W. Madison St. 312-243-1113.

EDGE
$3 Miller and Bud bottles, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.); 1700 W. Division St. 773-227-3100.

FIZZ BAR & GRILL
$5 Jameson cocktails, half-price appetizers (before 8 p.m.), live music upstairs; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

THE FLAT IRON
$5 well cocktails; 1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000.

FUNKY BUDDHA LOUNGE
9 p.m.: DJ Jacques Renault. DJs SR-71, Lono Brazil and Jordan Z also spin. $20. RSVP for no cover before midnight. **rsvp.goodforparty.com**; 728 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695.

GOODBAR
$4 Stoli cocktails and Jameson shots; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

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$8 blackened tilapia sandwich, Scott Lucas of Local H spins rock and alternative 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

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PARAMOUNT ROOM
$3 house shots, $5 shot and a beer, $5 Jack Daniel's and Jameson shots, $10 kobe burger and a pint; 415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-829-6300.

THE PONY
$4 Corona and Negra Modelo bottles, $5 homemade gumbo bowls; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

THE RAIL BAR & GRILL
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SIDEBAR GRILLE
Half-price appetizers (7 p.m.), $5 mind erasers and Sofia champagne cans, $6 Effen Black Cherry cocktails,; 221 N. La Salle St. 312-739-3900.

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- 2pm Ralph's World
- 4pm 7th Heaven
- 6pm Bad Examples
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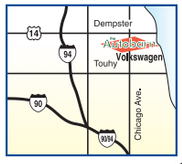

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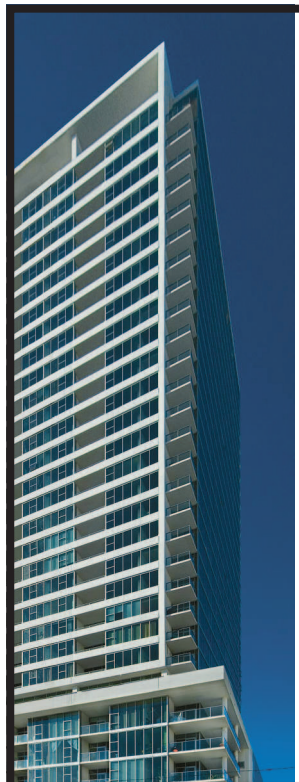
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Me'shell Ndegeocello, Friday, Oct. 16 ($26-$30, all ages) at Old Town School of Folk Music.

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Bassnectar, Friday, Nov. 6 ($22-$28, 17+) at House of Blues.

Yonder Mountain String Band, Danny Barnes, Darol Anger, Friday, Oct. 23, Saturday, Oct. 24 ($23-$28, 17+) at House of Blues.

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Chairlift, Micachu and the Shapes, Friday, Sept. 25 ($15, early show: all ages; late show: 21+) at Schubas.

Mike Doughty, Thursday, Oct. 15, Friday, Oct. 16 ($22, 21+) at Schubas.

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Black Label Society, Sunday, Sept. 13 ($35, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Leonard Cohen, Thursday, Oct. 29 ($49.50-$250, all ages) at Rosemont Theatre.

Fran Healy and Andy Dunlop, Saturday, Oct. 24 ($20, 21+) at Martyrs'.

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She Wants Revenge, Kill Hannah, The Tender Box, Thursday, Oct. 1 ($23, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

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Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Sunday, Sept. 20 ($65-$98, all ages) at United Center.

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A Place to Bury Strangers, Dead Confederate, All the Saints, Monday, Oct. 26 ($12, 21+) at Double Door.

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Flosstradamus, Powerspace, Breakers Broken, Par Avion, Fishing with Spoons and Teamone, Sunday, Aug. 16 ($16, all ages) at Metro.

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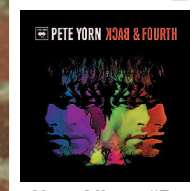

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Glasko

Changing their tunes

By Kent Green
FOR REDEYE

Chicago band Glasko started 2009 on a high note.

The group won a band competition to play the South by Southwest festival. Its first full-length album, "Madrigold," was issued as a private release. Two songs got play on hundreds of college radio stations.

Then founding guitarist Mike Scheiman left in May to pursue a job in Cleveland.

"We're having regular attendance at our shows, our name's out there, people are talking about the new album, and then to lose a very key player in the middle of that, it screws with your momentum," singer Eric Michaels said, adding that he didn't begrudge Scheiman's decision.

Michaels, bassist Nick Alvarado and drummer Nick Sabo found new guitarist Jacques Rene just two weeks before the band's Saturday show. The new foursome have been practicing obsessively since. Rene has brought an energy, drive and talent that has re-invigorated the group, they say.

"Some of the stuff that he's already come up with, in just one week, it's awesome, it sounds really good," Alvarado said, prompting a humble thanks from Rene.

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Glasko
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RedEye asked Glasko singer Eric Michaels five questions about the group.

What's the craziest thing that's happened to the band?
During our second show since forming in 2006, Jimmy Stafford from Train came up onstage and played "Fred and Gin" with us. That was bizarre.

What's the most interesting/surprising/unique thing about the band?
It's four different people, four different styles and musical backgrounds. Yet when we write music together, things seem to all come together to one unique, coherent sound.

How do you describe your sound?
One thing I wanted to do was not only have nice, strong melodies but to figure out a way to pair more melodic vocals and strong melodies with gritty, ballsy guitar work. On a few of our songs, I believe that we've accomplished that.

What makes your live show great?
Audience interaction. It often helps to have friends shouting lyrics with us, especially on "Fred and Gin." Also, watch to see how many times I almost decapitate Nick when swinging my guitar.

Tell us something totally random about the band.
We got kicked out of a patio bar in Austin. I hope it wasn't because of our show.

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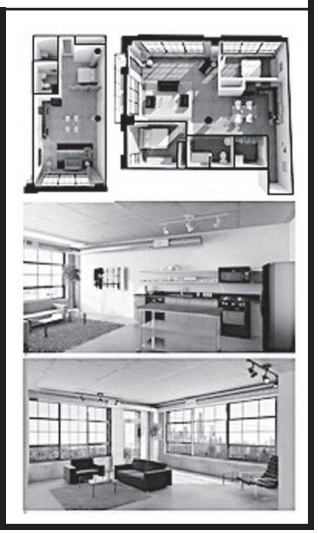

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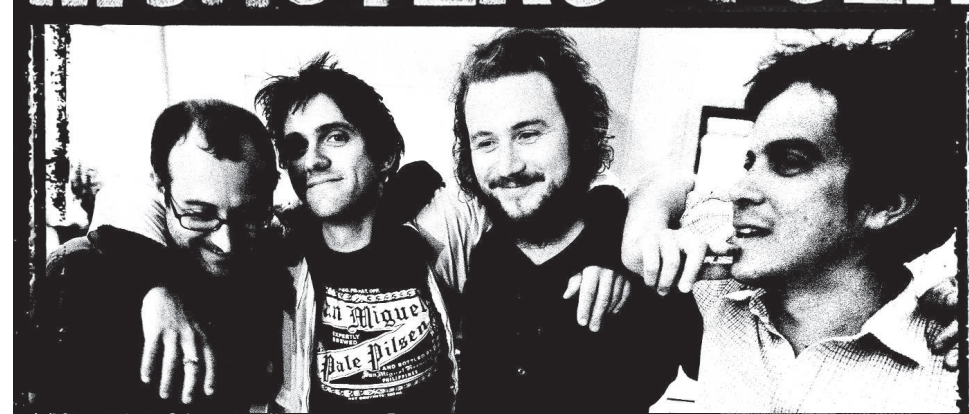
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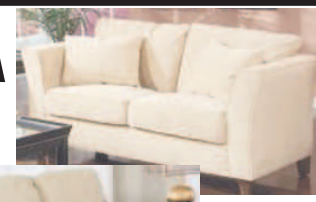

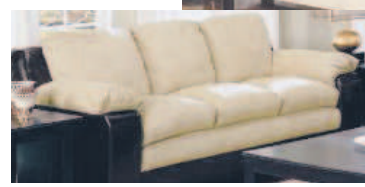

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- **Brüno** (R) 11:00,4:40,11:00
- **Public Enemies** (R) 11:40,3:00,6:30,9:45
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 1:15,7:20
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 11:15,2:15,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:30,12:50,3:10,5:30,8:00,10:30

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- **Shrink** (R) 2:05,4:50,7:40,10:20
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 1:55,4:45,7:40,10:30
- **In the Loop** (NR) 1:40,4:20,7:10,10:05
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG–13) 1:30,4:00,6:45,7:30,9:30,10:15
- **Humpday** (R) 1:35,4:10
- **Food, Inc.** (PG) 2:00,4:30,7:15,9:45
- **Away We Go** (R) 2:10,4:30,7:45,10:00

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 10:00,11:30,12:30,2:00,3:00,4:30,5:30,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:10
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 11:15,12:15,2:45,3:45,6:15,7:15,9:40,10:40
- **The Collector** (R) ★ 11:20,1:40,4:00,6:20,9:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 10:30,1:00,3:50,6:10,8:30,10:45
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 9:45,12:10,2:30,4:50,7:20,9:45
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:10,10:00
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 10:50,1:50,4:40,7:30,9:50
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 11:40,3:10,6:30,9:50 ;
- **Harry Potter** (PG) (Closed caption) 12:20,3:40,7:00,10:20
  - **Ice Age 3D** (PG) 11:00,1:30,4:20,6:40,9:10
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 11:50,3:30,6:45,10:15
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:10,2:10,5:10,8:00,10:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Funny People** (R) ★ 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:15,2:15,4:15,6:15,8:15,10:15
- **Harry Potter** (PG) ★ 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
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AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) 10:40,1:00,3:10,5:40,8:00,10:25
- **Funny People** (R) 11:55,3:30,7:05,10:20
- **The Collector** (R) 11:10,1:20,3:40,6:00,8:15,10:30
- **G-Force** (PG) 10:35,12:40,2:50,5:00,7:20,9:30
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) 10:30,12:40,2:55,5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Orphan** (R) 10:45,1:30,4:15,7:15,10:10
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 10:50,12:30,2:10,3:45,5:30,7:00,9:00,10:15
- **Public Enemies** (R) 11:50,3:00,6:15,9:20
  - **Ice Age** (PG) 11:40,2:00,4:30,6:45,9:10
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 11:20,12:20,2:40,3:35,6:00,7:00,9:15,10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 12:15,2:45,5:15,7:40,10:00
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) 11:45,2:20,4:45,7:10,9:45

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
312-846-2800

- **In Search** (NR) 5:30,8:15
- **Act of God** (NR) 6:15
- **Girlfriend Exp** (R) 8:00

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Public Enemies** (R) 2:10,5:30,8:10
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 2:15,5:35,8:20
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 2:10,4:20,6:25,8:35
- **Up** (PG) 2:05,4:10,6:20,8:30

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **Unmistak** (NR) 5:00,7:20
- **Dead Snow** (NR) 9:45,12:00
- **The Thing** (R) 12:00 Midnight
- **Framed** (R) 5:20,9:40
- **Lady-Shanghai** (NR) 7:30 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- **Love Aaj Kal** (NR) 11:50,3:00,6:10,9:10
- AMC Select **Mrs. Goldberg** (NR) 11:30,1:45,4:00,6:45,9:20
- AMC Select **Whatever Works** (PG–13) 11:45,2:20,4:45,7:10,9:30
- AMC Select **Moon** (R) 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:30,9:50

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
888-AMC-4FUN
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AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) 10:15,12:45,3:15,5:45,8:10,10:35
- **Funny People** (R) 10:00,11:30,1:15,3:10,4:45,7:00,8:20,10:40,11:50
- **G-Force** (PG) 11:25,1:50,4:05,6:40,9:20,11:40
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) 10:50,12:00,1:35,2:50,4:40,5:40,7:30,8:30,10:20,11:20
- **Orphan** (R) 10:20,1:10,4:10,7:10,8:15,10:25,11:30
- AMC Select **The Hurt Locker** (R) 11:00,2:15,5:30,8:45,11:45
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ◆ 10:25,12:50,3:05,5:35,8:25,10:45
- AMC Select **500 Days-Sum** (PG–13) 10:10,12:30,1:30,3:00,5:50,7:40,8:40,11:25
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 10:05,11:05,12:05,2:45,3:50,4:00,6:15,7:15,9:45,10:15,11:05
- **Brüno** (R) 11:20,1:45,4:20,6:30,8:50,11:15
- **Public Enemies** (R) 10:15,1:20,4:30,7:35,10:55
  - **Ice Age** (PG) 10:30,1:00,3:20,5:40
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 10:05,1:25,4:45,8:05,11:35
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 11:15,2:00,4:35,7:45,10:30
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:35,1:05,3:40,6:10,8:50,11:35
- **Up** (PG) 11:10,1:40,4:25,7:05,9:35

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carperter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 9:50,12:20,2:40,5:00,7:20,9:45,12:01
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 11:30,12:15,1:20,2:50,3:50,4:40,6:30,7:10,8:10,9:50,10:30,11:40
- **The Collector** (R) ★ 10:40,1:10,3:40,6:10,8:20,10:45,1:00
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG–13) ★ 10:50,2:00,4:50,7:30,10:00,12:40
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 11:00,1:40,4:20,6:50,9:10,11:30
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 10:10,12:40,3:00,5:30
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 9:45,12:30,3:20,6:20,9:15,12:20
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 11:10,12:10,1:50,2:45,4:10,5:10,7:00,7:40,9:40,10:10,12:10,12:45
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 11:20,11:50,2:30,3:15,6:05,6:45,9:30,10:05
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 10:30,1:30,4:30,8:00,11:10
- **Brüno** (R) 9:00,11:20
  - **Ice Age 3D** (PG) 10:20,1:00,4:00,6:40
- **Public Enemies** (R) 3:10,6:15,9:20,12:30
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 11:45,3:30,7:15,10:40
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 7:50,10:25,12:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:40,2:20,5:20,7:45,10:15,12:50
- **Up** (PG) 10:00,12:45

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Funny People** (R) ★ 10:10,11:10,12:10,1:30,2:30,3:30,5:00,6:10,7:00,8:15,9:30,10:20
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 10:15,12:30,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:45
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 10:20,11:00,1:00,1:40,3:50,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:15,10:00
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 11:50,12:40,3:10,4:00,6:30,7:15,9:55
- **Brüno** (R) 10:30 P.M.
- **Public Enemies** (R) 11:30,3:00,6:40,9:50
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 10:45,2:00,4:50,7:40,10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:30,1:20,4:20,7:10,9:40

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:20,4:30,6:50,9:30
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:40,3:50,7:10,10:30
- **The Collector** (R) ★ 12:50,3:00,5:15,7:50,10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:45,6:20,8:50
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:15,2:40,4:50,7:20,9:45
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 1:10,1:40,4:15,4:45,7:15,7:45,10:10,10:45
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:30,2:50,5:20,8:10,10:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:20,3:10,3:40,6:30,7:00,9:50,10:20
  - **Ice Age** (PG) 1:30,4:00,6:45,9:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:15,4:40,8:00

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SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Transformers** (PG–13) 3:15,6:40,9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:40,10:15

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
4779 W. Cermak
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:20,4:30,6:50,9:30
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:40,3:50,7:10,10:30
- **The Collector** (R) ★ 12:50,3:00,5:15,7:50,10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:45,6:20,8:50
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:15,2:40,4:50,7:20,9:45
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 1:10,1:40,4:15,4:45,7:15,7:45,10:10,10:45
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:30,2:50,5:20,8:10,10:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:20,3:10,3:40,6:30,7:00,9:50,10:20
  - **Ice Age** (PG) 1:30,4:00,6:45,9:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:15,4:40,8:00
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 3:15,6:40,9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:40,10:15

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street
630-444-FILM #560

- **Funny People** (R) ★ 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 12:30,2:30,4:30,6:30,8:30
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:20,2:50,5:05,7:20,9:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:00,1:30,3:10,4:40,6:20,7:50,9:30
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:05,3:55,6:45,9:35
  - **Ice Age 3D** (PG) 12:00,2:10,4:20,6:50,9:00

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123 ♿

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:25,2:40,4:55,7:15,9:30
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:20,2:00,3:40,5:20,7:00,8:40,10:20
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG–13) 11:45,1:00,2:05,3:25,4:30,5:50,6:55,8:15,9:20,10:35
- **Away We Go** (R) 8:00,10:30
- **Brüno** (R) 11:55,1:55,4:10,6:20,8:30,10:40
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:55,3:20,5:40
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 11:50,2:10,4:35,6:50,9:10
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:15,2:05,3:45,5:30,7:10,8:50,10:35
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 12:50,4:00,7:25,10:25
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:10,4:20,7:30,10:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 12:10,2:45,5:15,7:45,10:10
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 11:35,1:15,2:35,4:15,5:45,7:20,8:50,10:25
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:15
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 11:30,1:05,1:50,3:30,4:25,5:55,7:05,8:20,9:35,10:45

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It's Mann's world

Actress Leslie Mann takes on more roles, including in hubby Apatow's films

Associated Press

In the three movies Judd Apatow has directed, his wife, Leslie Mann, has taken on progressively larger roles.

In "Funny People," opening Friday, he's written an even bigger role, as the ex-wife of Adam Sandler's character.

"He's growing up and learning more about women so he's able to write better female parts," Mann said in a recent interview, referring to her husband.

Mann reconsidered that statement, amending that Apatow always has written good female roles, though he's generally improved as a writer. There's some sensitivity to the issue because the co-star of "Knocked Up," Katherine Heigl, famously criticized the movie for being "a little sexist."

"I kind of don't know what she was talking about," Mann said. "I'm an actress reading scripts and I've seen what's out there and it's slim pickings. Judd does write great female parts."

After several years concentrating on her family, Mann is taking on more work.

Earlier this year she starred alongside Zac Efron and Matthew Perry in "17 Again." She has a part in Robert Rodriguez's family film "Shorts," which comes out Aug. 7, and she co-stars in "I Love You Phillip Morris," a Jim Carrey film due out in February. She'll soon begin shooting "What Was I Thinking?" with Elizabeth Banks.

Leslie Mann, husband Judd Apatow and their daughters Maude (left) and Iris. AP

"I have more time now. Nap times are over and my kids are bigger," says Mann, whose daughters Maude, 11, and Iris, 6, play small roles in "Knocked Up" and "Funny People." "My priority is my family."

Even in relatively small parts, Mann has made an impression with audiences, showing a particular talent for characters whose moods fluctuate greatly—and comically. In movies predominantly populated by immature men, Mann's characters hold their own, whether berating a superficial nightclub bouncer or dressing down a cheating husband.

» Matt Pais gives "Funny People" 2 ½ stars. **Page 37**

But Mann, 37, still says she's not a full-time actress again, but is choosing parts here and there.

Mann and Apatow met when she auditioned for 1996's "The Cable Guy," which Apatow produced. They married in 1998. In the years after, Mann began to give up movies—her earlier credits include "George of the Jungle" and "Big Daddy"—for raising a family.

"She's just beginning to show people what she's capable of," Apatow says. "She made a gigantic sacrifice to our family to be around during all their formative years.

"She's viciously funny and funny in a very strange way. She's just a total original."

Apatow expects to take a break and only produce a handful of films following "Funny People," which might mean he'll increasingly find himself following his wife on movie sets—a prospect he's relishing.

He just has one issue.

"I don't appreciate her kissing Zac Efron—I can live without that," he says. "But I thought the movie was great. See, Leslie is such a good actress, she can even look like she's in love with an incredibly handsome 21-year-old man."

Mann
GETTY IMAGES FILE

MANNING UP Judd Apatow has written roles for his wife, Leslie Mann, in the three movies he's directed.

'The 40-Year-Old Virgin'
She's a hot-to-trot drunken driver terrifying Steve Carell in the passenger seat.

'Knocked Up'
She played Paul Rudd's wife, and the couple set a warped example for parents-to-be Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl.

'Funny People'
She's the one-who-got-away from Adam Sandler's character.

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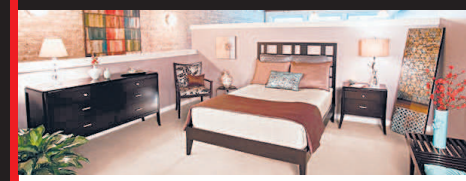

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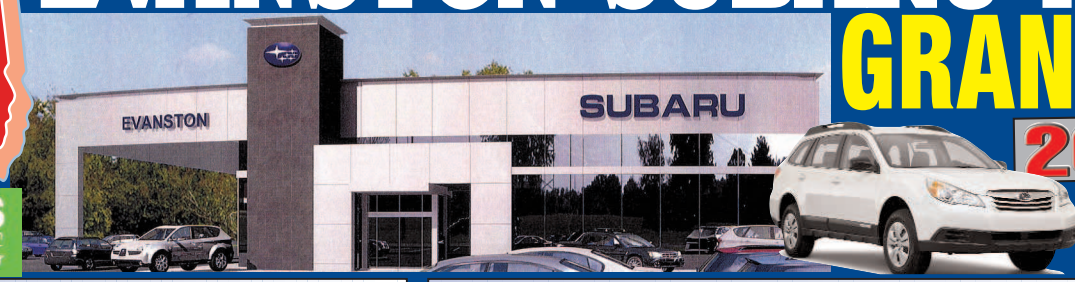

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FUNNY PEOPLE (R)

But seriously ...

Superstar comedian George Simmons (Adam Sandler) is ashamed of making crappy movies like "My Best Friend is a Robot" and still misses his now-married ex (Leslie Mann, great in an underwritten role). George gains perspective when he's diagnosed with a likely terminal form of leukemia, prompting the funnyman to hire aspiring comic Ira (Seth Rogen) as his joke-writer and personal assistant.

The buzz: Rest assured, Judd Apatow fans, that just because the writer-director's latest confronts the "d-word" doesn't mean "Funny People" has fewer penis-related jokes than usual. (There actually are more than ever, littered throughout the 146-minute movie.) Apatow's challenge with "Funny People" will be to prove—in moments demanding greater weight than anything in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" or "Knocked Up"—that he can do drama with the same sharp, original voice he brings to comedy.

The verdict: Of course "Funny People" is funny; it wouldn't be a Judd Apatow movie without actors who turn self-deprecation and casual insults into hilarious venom. Yet it doesn't know what to do with George's situation, particularly as his outlook improves, and turns Ira from a main character into a sidekick without his own arc. Tiptoeing around softened explorations of mortality and infidelity, Apatow shares his characters' tendency to employ humor as a defense mechanism—which, in this case, feels like a filmmaker stretching his legs without actually using them. The film asks to be seen as more than the sum of its laughs but can't come up with anything more profound than "Don't know what you got 'til it's gone."

Sandler (left) and Rogen in 'Funny People' UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Did you know? In a brief cameo Eminem laments not being able to do everyday things like go to Chuck E. Cheese's. If there's anything tragic about celebrity, it's the way it cuts into your Skee-Ball time.

Worth watching? MATT'S PICKS FOR WHAT'S ALSO IN THEATERS

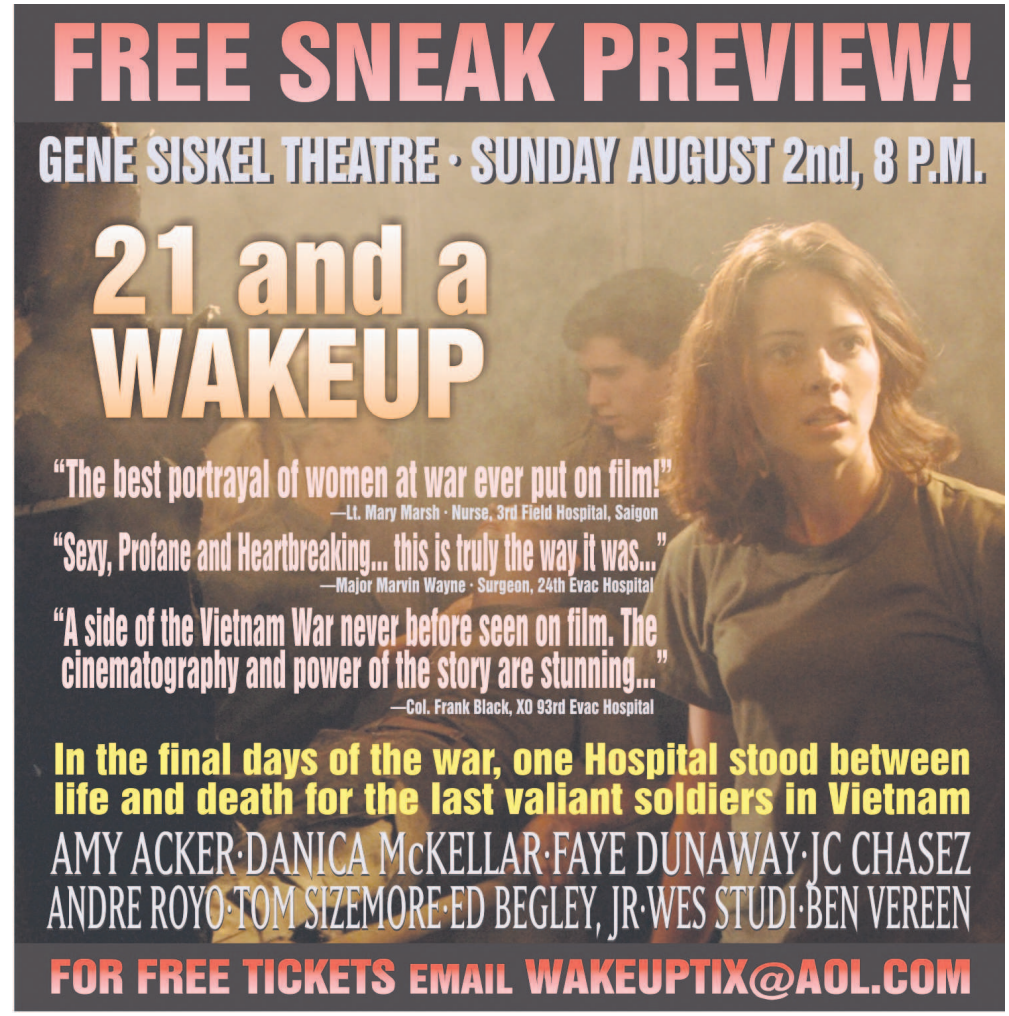
LEFTY (NR)
Great local indie.

IN THE LOOP (NR)
One of the year's smartest and funniest.

HUMPDAY (R)
Enjoy the after-movie conversation.

G-FORCE (PG)
Well, it could have been worse.

THE UGLY TRUTH (R)
Another "chick flick" that insults women.



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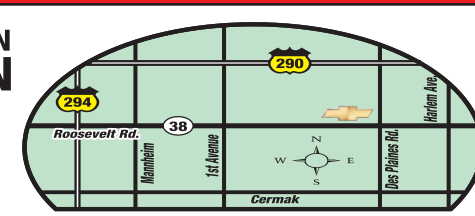

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'The Ugly Truth' COLUMBIA PICTURES

THE UGLY TRUTH

@Henjealy "The Ugly Truth"-A mediocre-at-best cookie-cutter romantic comedy with a title that lends itself easily to puns.

@vaughnchicago "The Ugly Truth" is that this is so predictable and formulaic. It's cute and funny, but almost nothing new to see here.

@Koons17112 The Ugly Truth: For sure an adult humor movie, not 4 the kids. But the comedy is good and the performances are good by all.

'(500) Days of Summer' FOX SEARCHLIGHT

(500) DAYS OF SUMMER

@DTsupra30 500 days of summer was a twist on the romantic comedy, great dialouge, unique story telling, and funny to boot! See it!

@Brooke22 500 days of summer=fun flirty & quirky. reminds u how easy- &mean- it is 2 lead some1 on when u know ur just not that into it

@mjanasek 500 days summer: authentic cast, amazing soundtrack, a real love story that defies the "happily ever after" closing.

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE

@nyc_arts #Harry 6: my only qualm was the Freebird wand tribute near the end. Otherwise, beautifully shot, gorgeous pallete, and full of teen angst.

@SommersPhD Harry Potter and the Bladder Stretching Running Time: The movie is about something, something.. wow, Herimone got really hot.

TRANSFORMERS 2: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN

@Stmfuller transformers 2 is a movie that's just too long for its own good. Had bay cut off some of the fat. Itd have been great. 7/10

@natebeal Transformers 2 - Who knew Washington DC was in the mountains, that John Turturro could sell out, or that robots had certain "appendages"

ETC.

@nealtucker The Hurt Locker is a modern war film that drips authenticity, reminding us that the addiction of war is potent and possessive

@MayimSasson Bruno, not for the faint-hearted. A lot of genitalia, waxed eyebrows and the ghost of Milli from Milli Vanilli.

@kekil The Proposal: hilarious! Little romance,tons comedy(Bullock isnt romance).I liked.Wife loved

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'Collector' director abuses star

RedEye

In the new horror flick "The Collector," Josh Stewart plays an ex-con who runs into trouble when he plans to rob a home.

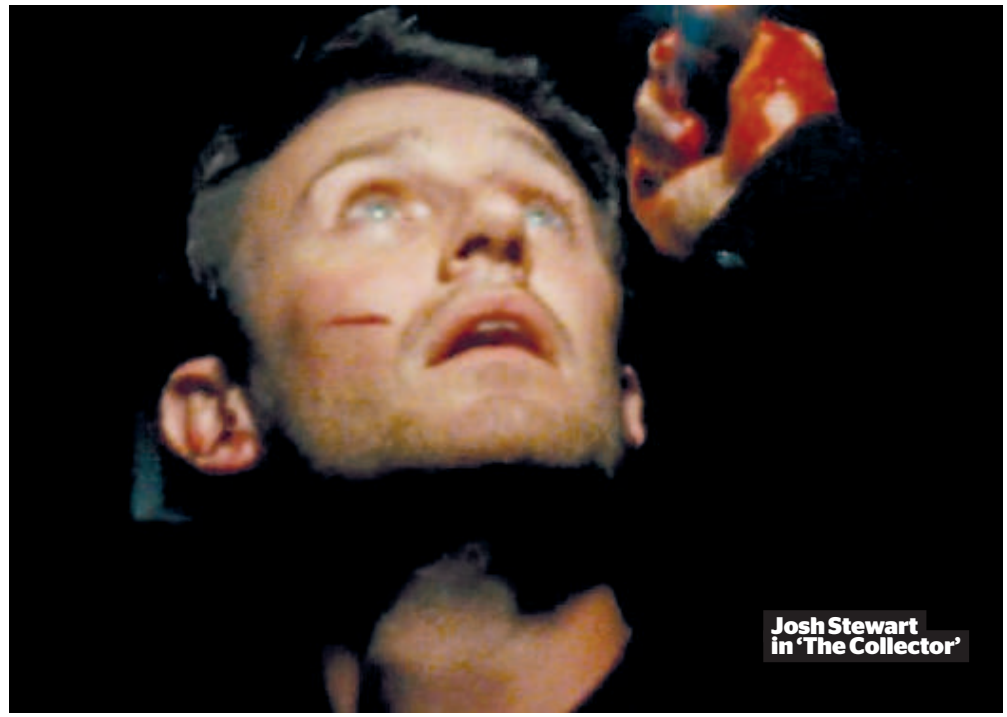
Stewart's character falls into a series of deadly traps set by another, more sadistic criminal in the house. It turns out he's torturing the homeowners in the basement.

Director Marcus Dunstan and writer Patrick Melton, who grew up in Evanston, put Stewart through his paces in the film, which opens Friday.

"They literally beat the hell out of me on a daily basis," Stewart told RedEye's Geek to Me blogger Elliott Serrano at last week's Comic-Con.

Dunstan and Melton, who had a hand in several "Saw" movies, say the film is for hardcore horror fans. Several scenes would probably shock Jigsaw himself.

When asked if he was shocked during filming, Stewart joked, "More than once."



Josh Stewart in 'The Collector'

MORE ONLINE Watch Elliott's video interview with Stewart, Dunstan and Melton at **redeyechicago.com/geektome.**

ALSO OPENING FRIDAY

Shrink (R)

Who's in it: Kevin Spacey, Keke Palmer, Mark Webber, Dallas Roberts, Saffron Burrows, Jack Huston, Jesse Plemons, Robert Loggia, Robin Williams, Gore Vidal.

What it's about: Shrink-to-the-stars Henry Carter (Spacey) has developed a ferocious pot habit as a way of suppressing his grief over his wife's suicide and only goes through the motions of trying to help his patients.

Worth watching? "Remember when Kevin Spacey was awesome?"

RENE RODRIGUEZ, THE MIAMI HERALD

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Aliens in the Attic (PG)

What is it? Kids band together to save their vacation home from alien invaders.

Why we'd see it: Might be fun to see Ashley Tisdale go beyond her "High School Musical" persona.

Why we wouldn't: Director John Schultz's last outing was the disastrous "The Honeymooners." And the studio execs dumped the original title, "They Came From Upstairs," which makes you wonder how low an audience they're aiming for. ROBERT W. BUTLER, THE KANSAS CITY STAR

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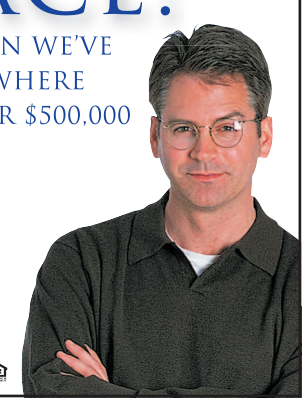

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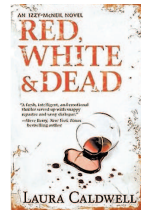
MUSIC VIDEO

Cornershop

"Who Fingered Rock 'N' Roll" at youtube.com

Cornershop's new video features a lot of old archival footage of English life, with a lot of reverse loops to create Monty Python-esque backwards silly walks. The British group self-released their latest album, entitled "Judy Sucks a Lemon for Breakfast," Monday. **SARAH ZUPKO, POPMATTERS.COM**



BOOK

'Red White & Dead'

by Laura Caldwell, $7.99 at amazon.com

Warning: The Izzy McNeil mysteries by Caldwell, a law professor at Loyola University Chicago, are extremely addictive. These super-engrossing books pull you into a fast-paced world of mystery and OMG moments, so much so that you might get a sunburn or miss your "L" stop while reading (take it from me). The best part of the series, of which the final "Red White & Dead" hits shelves Saturday, is how Chicago is also an important character, from the protagonist's love of dive bars to the bitching about our brutal winters. For some great beach reads look no further than this series, which includes the previous novels "Red Hot Lies" and "Red Blooded Murder." **DOROTHY HERNANDEZ, REDEYE**

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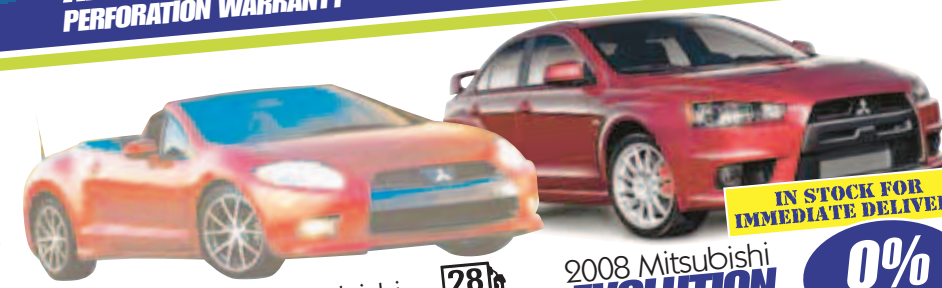

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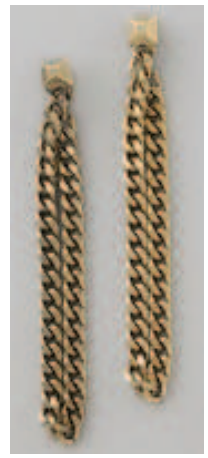

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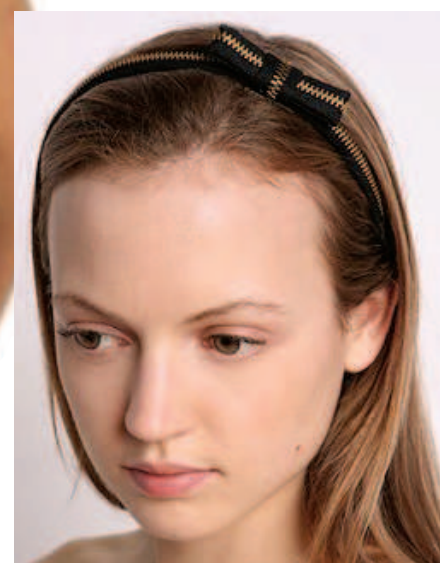

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Unlocking Blu-ray's audio secrets

The Hartford Courant

Anyone with a Blu-ray disc player knows how easy it is to get a hi-def picture: Insert an HDMI cable in the player and connect to HDTV.

Getting hi-def audio—Dolby TrueHD or DTS-HD Master Audio, both the sonic equivalent to the soundtrack mixed by studio engineers—is easy only for those with the latest HDMI 1.3 audio-video receivers. In this setup, the player transmits a digital bitstream over an HDMI cable to the receiver, which then decodes the signal.

But there are other ways for owners of older surround-sound receivers to enjoy the newest generation of soundtrack formats.

FOR RECEIVERS WITH EARLIER VERSIONS OF HDMI:

» Make sure your Blu-ray player has an onboard Dolby TrueHD (and, if possible, DTS-HD Master) decoder and a speaker configuration menu that sets volume levels and, most important, manages the bass output sent to your home theater's subwoofer.

» Run an HDMI cable from the Blu-ray player to the receiver, then another from the receiver to the HDTV (for the video). This setup delivers the same high-quality audio but in a different digital form called Pulse Code Modulation that should read as PCM on your receiver's display.

FOR OLDER RECEIVERS WITHOUT HDMI:

» Check to see if your receiver has multichannel analog inputs, either 5.1 (five speakers, one subwoofer) or 7.1 (seven speakers, one subwoofer).

» Get a Blu-ray player with both an onboard Dolby TrueHD decoder and multichannel analog outputs.

» Run standard RCA interconnects from the Blu-ray player's analog outputs to the receiver's corresponding analog inputs. When you're ready to play a movie, select the receiver's "external inputs," just as you would select "DVD" or "TV." I have yet to hear anyone claim to notice a difference between either hi-res digital delivery, bitstream or PCM. The analog delivery should be equally indistinguishable.

» Prices on HDMI 1.3 receivers that decode Dolby TrueHD and DTS-HD Master soundtracks via digital bitstream continue to drop. An example: Sherwood's RD-7503, which retails for $440 but often sells for about $350.

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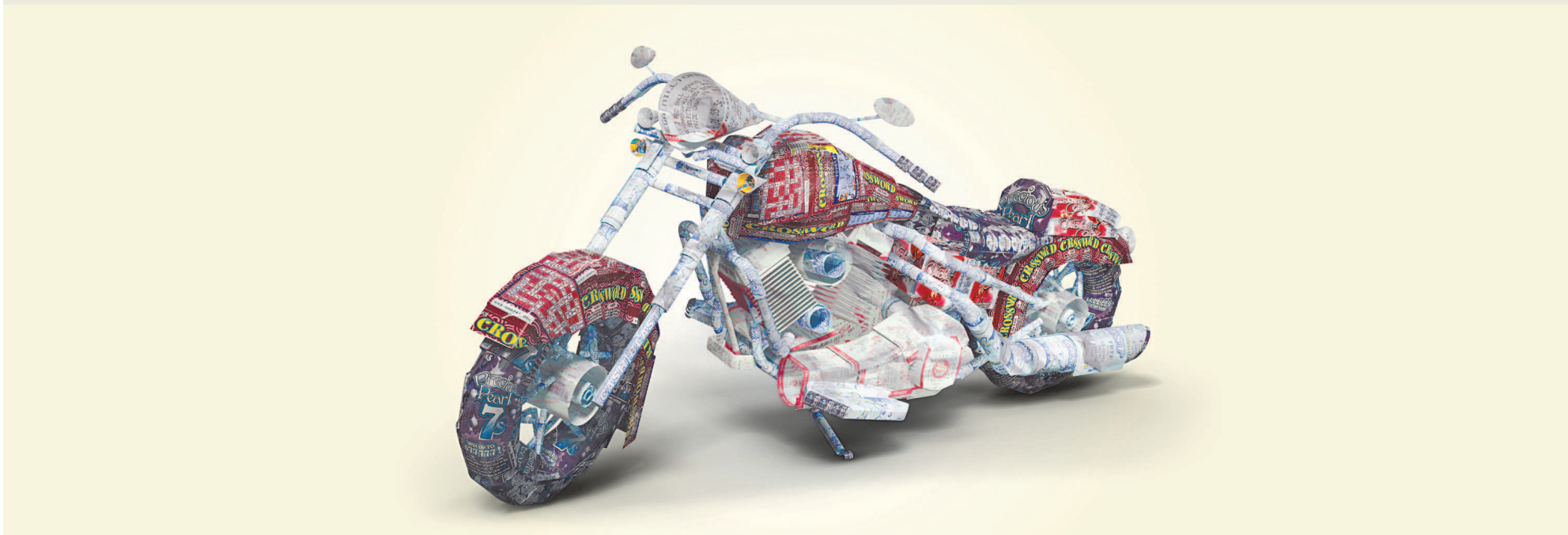
Coming soon to your TV: More advertising, in places you might not expect.

The ads are showing up where people used to enjoy a break from advertising, such as video on demand and on-screen channel guides. Even TiVo, which became popular for its technology that lets people skip commercials, is developing new ways to show ads.

As a result, you won't necessarily see more traditional, 30-second commercials. Instead, many of the new TV ads will resemble online ads—interactive and often shaped for individual members of the audience. They'll also be harder to ignore. Typically, you can't opt out of seeing them. AP



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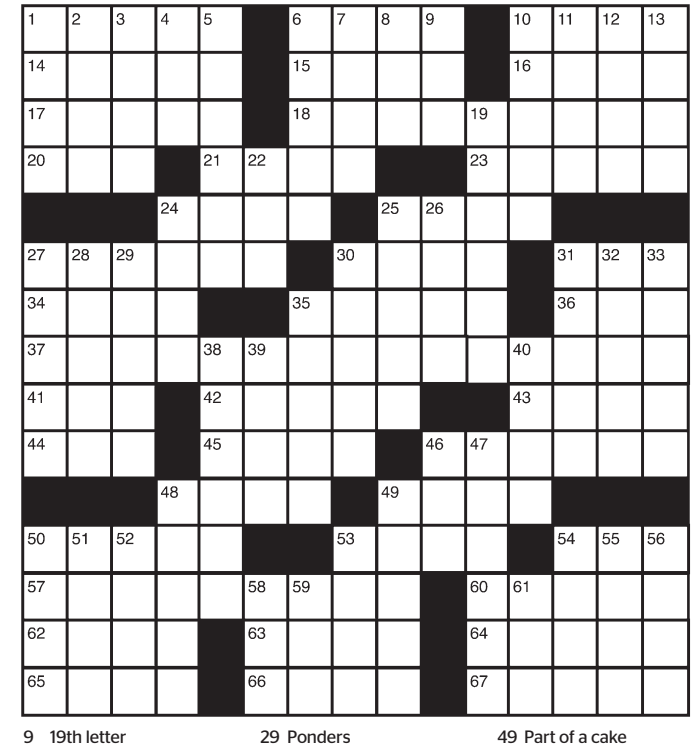

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'Eclipse' actor squabble heating up

Oh, snap! The "Eclipse" casting feud is getting ugly.

In case you haven't heard, Rachelle Lefevre, who played the baddie Victoria in "Twilight" and "New Moon," got canned this week after the studio behind the third installment in the saga found out she had signed on to do another movie that would conflict with her "Eclipse" filming schedule. Lefevre had signed on to appear in indie flick "Barney's Version" and—according to her—filming for that movie would overlap with "Eclipse" stuff for only 10 days. Summit Entertainment, the "Twilight" saga studio, wasn't buying it and they let her go.

On Wednesday, Lefevre released a lengthy statement saying she was "stunned" the studio had replaced her with Bryce Dallas Howard. On Thursday, Summit fired back, contesting almost point-by-point nearly everything the 30-year-old actress was saying.

The whole exchange was very catty, and it reminded us of a passive-aggressive middle school fight. See the quotes excerpted from Us Weekly's Web site for yourself and draw your own conclusions.

Rachelle Lefevre
AP FILE

RACHELLE LEFEVRE
"I am greatly saddened that I will not get to complete my portrayal of Victoria for the 'Twilight' audience. This is a story, a theatrical journey and a character that I truly love and about which I am very passionate."

PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE FACTOR 3

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"If Ms. Lefevre was, as she describes, 'passionate' about being part of the 'Twilight' saga, we feel that she and her representatives would have included us in her decision to work on another film that would conflict with the shooting schedule of 'The Twilight Saga: Eclipse'."

PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE FACTOR 10

RACHELLE LEFEVRE
"Given the length of filming for 'Eclipse,' never did I fathom I would lose the role over a 10-day overlap."

PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE FACTOR 7

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"It is not about a 10-day overlap, but instead about the fact that 'The Twilight Saga: Eclipse' is an ensemble production that has to accommodate the schedules of numerous actors while respecting the established creative vision of the filmmaker and most importantly the story."

PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE FACTOR 10

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DioGuardi
AP FILE

'Idol' wild

Apparently Kara DioGuardi is in, and Paula Abdul is—still—out. Abdul tweeted Thursday she is in talks to return for "American Idol's" ninth season, but will come back only if she can get a "fair" deal. Meanwhile **people.com** reported DioGuardi is returning to the show. And in case you haven't gotten your fill of "American Idol" news for the day, according to Yahoo! Music, an ousted Season 8 semifinalist, Ju'Not Joyner, accused the show of unfair contestant contracts.

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For real?

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1 Duh, of course it's rigged.
2 Of course not! How dare you ask.

Plain White T's

QUOTABLE

"The real trick is putting yourself around people you admire. That's why I married my wife. I locked in the brightest light in the room."

ASHTON KUTCHER
to Parade on the secret to the success of his and Demi Moore's marriage.

Top cops arrested

Parker

Two Ohio police chiefs suspected of digging for tabloid fodder at the home of a surrogate mother for Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick had the book thrown at them Wednesday night, the AP reports. The jail would not release charges. Arraignments for the pair were set for Friday morning, authorities said. The surrogate gave birth to the actors' twin girls June 22.

Funny people

"Curb Your Enthusiasm" will return for its seventh season at 9 p.m. Sept. 20, according to a news release. The new season will feature the highly anticipated appearances by the "Seinfeld" crew—Jerry Seinfeld, Jason Alexander, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Michael Richards. The hit HBO comedy will be followed by the debut of "Bored to Death," which stars Jason Schwartzman and Zach Galifianakis, who seems to be everywhere now thanks to "The Hangover."

Hey, there

The Plain White T's will be coming back home to play a show for a good cause. The Grammy-nominated band and Villa Park natives are headlining Lake Effect, a benefit for Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, at Palmer House on Aug. 28, according to a news release. For more info on the event or to buy tickets, which cost $75, go to **lakeeffectparty.com**.

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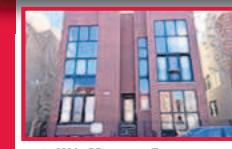
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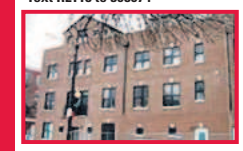
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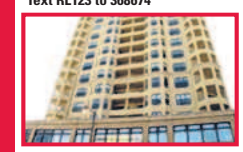
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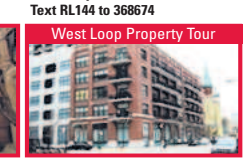
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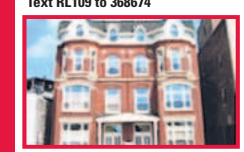
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Rogen
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Truth be told

Is Seth Rogen still peeved about his "Knocked Up" co-star telling Vanity Fair that it was hard for her "to love the movie" way back in 2007? On Thursday he sarcastically told Howard Stern's radio show that Katherine Heigl's new rom-com, "The Ugly Truth" really "puts women on a pedestal," according to **usmagazine.com** excerpts.

Rogen pal Judd Apatow, who directed "Knocked Up," said he hasn't spoken to the actress since.

Heigl

THE DIGIT

17

Number of weeks the Black Eyed Peas have been in the top spot of the Billboard Hot 100, setting a record for longest successive No. 1 chart run by a duo or group, according to **billboard.com**. "I Gotta Feelin' " is in its fifth consecutive week at No. 1, after "Boom Boom Pow" spent 12 weeks at the top.

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Who's on top?

Whose Billboard record did the Black Eyed Peas break by holding down the No. 1 spot on the Hot 100 chart for 17 weeks in a row? Text "**record**" and the number of your choice to **87708**. You'll get a text back with the answer.

1. Backstreet Boys **2.** Boyz II Men
3. Bon Jovi **4.** Britney Spears
5. Beyonce

THE VELVET ROPE

Poehler express

Poehler

It's back to the anchor desk for Amy Poehler this fall, at least temporarily.
The former "Saturday Night Live" and current "Parks and Recreation" star will appear in the Sept. 17 season premiere of "Saturday Night Live: Weekend Update Thursday." She'll be back again on the desk with Seth Meyers on Sept. 24.

"Parks and Recreation" begins its second season on Sept. 17. NBC plans to air six episodes of "Weekend Update Thursday."

Star power

Who isn't signed up to star in the upcoming romantic comedy "Valentine's Day"? Jamie Foxx, Queen Latifah and Carter Jenkins have been the most recent actors to jump onboard, reports **hollywoodreporter.com**. Already on the cast are Bradley Cooper, Julia Roberts, Jessica Alba, Ashton Kutcher, Jessica Biel, Patrick Dempsey and Jennifer Garner. The movie, about "would-be romantics working their way through a tangle of circumstances in Los Angeles," is set to be released in February of 2010.

Aniston, the puma

Aniston

For Jennifer Aniston, pumas are the new cougars. The sizzling star—who graced the cover of GQ earlier this year wearing nothing but a patriotic tie—is set to star in the new film "Pumas," about two thirtysomething women who enjoy romancing younger guys. In the film, the two women take a skiing trip to France and apparently hilarity will ensue. Rawr!

Color magic

Get ready for a colorful MTV Video Music Awards: Green Day and Pink are set to perform at the live awards Sept. 13 in New York City, **mtv.com** announced Thursday. Also added to the lineup are celebrity presenters Katy Perry, Ne-Yo and Chace Crawford.

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